

REMARKS

This supplemental response is filed solely for the purpose of submitting the attached Declaration of Robert Lessél Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, dated 19 October 2009 ("Lessél Decl."). The Lessél Declaration generally provides declaration support for the remarks made in Section V(A) of Applicants' response filed 30 July 2009. In addition, the Lessél Declaration provides an additional distinction between the polymer disclosed by Vogel and the polymer recited by the pending claims. That additional distinction is that Vogel uses a cationic polymer. Lessél Decl. ¶ 11.

Based on a telephone conversation between Examiner Fubara and Applicants' representative, Shaun R. Snader, on 28 October 2009, Applicants understand that the Examiner has not yet had an opportunity to consider Applicants' July 30th response and that this declaration will be considered with that response. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance, and they solicit an early indication to this effect. Examiner Fubara is invited to contact the undersigned directly, should she feel that any issue warrants further consideration.

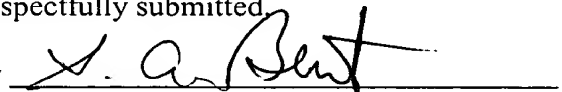
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment accompany this response, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to the same deposit account. If any extension is needed for timely acceptance of submitted papers, applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorize payment of the relevant fee(s) from the deposit account.

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